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SUBJ: IAEA - 19TH GENREAL CONFERENCE, VIENNA,
SEPTEMBER 22-29, 1975, REQUEST FOR
ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION FUNDS

REF: A. STATE 210724; B. STATE 174340,
AUGUST 9, 1974

1. MISSION ACKNOWLEDGES AUTHORIZATION \$750
FOR ALL US REPRESENTATION FOR IAEA GENERAL
CONFERENCE 1975, AND NOTES THAT IT HAS ARRIVED
ONLY TWO WEEKS BEFORE CONFERENCE BEGINS. WE MUST
REGRETFULLY POINT OUT THE AMOUNT AUTHORIZED
IS FIFTY PER CENT OF THAT AUTHORIZED LAST YEAR
(REF. B) AND WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED TO KNOW
REASON FOR HEAVY CUT THIS LATE DATE, WHEN MOST
OF OUR PLANNED REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTIONS ALREADY
IN TRAIN.

2. DELEGATION THIS YEAR TO INCLUDE NEW US DELEGATE.
ERDA ADMINISTRATOR SEAMANS AND NRC COMMISSIONERS
ROWDEN AND KENNEDY, WHO WILL BE MAKING INITIAL
CONTACTS WITH MANY OF THEIR COLLEAGUES IN NATIONAL
NUCLEAR ENERGY ESTABLISHMENTS AROUND THE WORLD.
CURRENT MISSION PLANS CALL FOR LARGE (UP TO 500
PERSON) RECEPTION. COST FOR EVEN A SMALL (200
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PERSON) RECEPTION (A SIZE WHICH, IN MISSION'S

VIEW WOULD BE QUITE INADEQUATE, SINCE MOST OTHER DELEGATES TRAVEL WITH SPOUSES) I CURRENTLY MORE THAN \$1500 IN VIENNA, EVEN WITH DISCOUNT AVAILABLE TO (AND BEING USED BY) MISSION. REGULAR MISSION REPRESENTATION FUNDS UNFORTUNATELY INADEQUATE TO MAKE UP LARGE BALANCE REQUIRED FOR APPROPRIATELY LARGE RECEPTION INTRODUCING NEW US DELEGATION.

3. MISSION, HOWEVER, APPRECIATES NEED FOR BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS AND RESTRAINT, AND WILL ATTEMPT TO SCALE DOWN ALREADY MINIMUM COST PER PERSON RECEPTION TO ATTENDANCE LEVEL WHICH, WHILE SMALLER, WOULD STILL BE APPROPRIATE TO STATURE OF MEMBERS OF US DELEGATION. SINCE MISSION HAS BEEN COUNTING ON FUNDS AT LEAST EQUAL TO \$1500 PROVIDED IN PAST, REQUEST AT LEAST ADDITIONAL \$500 FOR THIS PURPOSE, TO TOTAL OF \$1250, FOR REPRESENTATIONAL PURPOSES, TO BE USED ENTIRELY FOR RECEPTION.

4. WHILE IT MAY JEOPARDIZE POSSIBILITY OF US GOVERNOR HOSTING TRADITIONAL BUSINESS LUNCHEES FOR OTHER GOVERNORS OF NEW BOARD DURING PERIOD OF GENERAL CONFERENCE, MISSION WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MAKE UP BALANCE BETWEEN REQUESTED TOTAL (\$1250) AND ACTUAL COST OF RECEPTION OUT OF MISSION REPRESENTATION FUNDS.

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